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Alternative 5A: **North Parallel Bridge**

Features:

- New four-lane parallel bridge to the north with a higher drawspan (30 feet) with fewer openings for inbound and outbound traffic.
- Ties back into existing US 50 in Ocean City and West Ocean City.
- Existing bridge retained and will provide a separate facility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and fishermen.
- St. Louis Avenue to be rerouted under bridges to continue connection.
- Includes retaining walls to reduce impacts.

Issues:

- Closer to Skimmer Island waterbird colony than the existing bridge.
- Off-season lane closures at either end of bridge due to construction.
- Total Cost = \$330-340 Million.
- Total Displacements = 1 home and 7 businesses.